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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Abomination Before God

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If something is distasteful, it is not good; but if it is abominable, it is horrible! The word “abominable” carries a heavy punch in our minds to the negative. So, if something is abominable to God’s senses, it should at least catch our attention, and more importantly, move us to avoid such things because God abhors them.

It is interesting to note how many abominable things are contrary to TRUTH. Two of the seven abominable things deal with lying. “A Lying tongue” and a “false witness that uttereth lies” are among the things God hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). They “that deal truly are His delight” (Proverbs 12:22). God also abhors false standards of measurement. “Diverse weights, and diverse measures, both of them alike are an abomination to Jehovah” (Proverbs 20:10).

God sees truth as absolute. How could He loathe the liar, if truth is relative? How could He abhor diverse weights, if an absolute standard for weights at a given time is non-existent?

Arrogant PRIDE is abominable before God. “Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to Jehovah; though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished” (Proverbs 16:5). Pride in heart genders “a haughty look” which God hates (Proverbs 6:16-17). Pride leads people to dethrone God in their heart. We will not have to answer to anyone! We are above all! Wrong!!! Solomon reminds the haughty that regardless how many join together and forget the ultimate Judge, they will be punished!

Planning and implementing DISCORD among brethren is loathsome to God. The process of the heart devising wicked purposes, the feet swift in running to mischief, until the seeds are planted for discord are loathsome to God at each stage (Proverbs 6:18, 19). We must contend for the faith which has been delivered (Jude 3), but never invent things in order to pit brethren against brethren in order to satisfy a wicked purpose.

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SEXUAL RELATIONS is as

abominable to God as murder! Yes, God hates *the hands that shed innocent blood* (Proverbs 6:17); but God also says, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind it is an abomination” (Leviticus 18:22). God created the sexual distinction (Genesis 2:22-24), and to pervert it is against nature (cf. Romans 1:26-27).

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HYPOCRISY is an abomination before God. “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; but the prayer of the upright is his delight” (Proverbs 15:8). This is not a warning to the atheist who does not bother to be religious at all, but it speaks to those who are not walking upright with God, but still want to offer Him a sacrifice. God hates it.

What we JUSTIFY and what we CONDEMN can be abominable to God. “He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, both of them are alike are an abomination to Jehovah” (Prov. 17:15)

Do you loathe the things abominable to God?